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Leinster House
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PQ 21/23434

“To ask the Minister for Health his plans to introduce a transport scheme to assist older persons get to hospital and back home following treatment in cases in which they are too weak to use public transport and cannot drive; and if he will make a statement on the matter”

Dear Deputy Canney

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

In January 2012, the HSE implemented the *'Non Ambulance Patient Transport Policy'*. Where a patient/client is living independently in the community, they may continue to be eligible for HSE Non Ambulance Patient Transport Services (PTS) in line with nationally consistent criteria.

The provision of such services are within the scope of HSE Community Services and any request for such transport support should be referred to the Public Health Nursing Service in each area in the first instance, whom may in line with this policy, approve the provision of such transport.

I hope this response is helpful.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Robert Morton'.

Robert Morton
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